

## CLAIMS

1. A writing implement comprising:
  - a body (10) having an opening (14), through which a writing tip (16) passes along a longitudinal direction, and a slot (18) extending approximately along said longitudinal direction;
  - a support (32) on which the tip (16) is mounted, said support being placed inside the body (10) and able to move along the longitudinal direction between a writing position, in which the tip (16) is brought outside the body (10), and a stowing position, in which the tip (16) is stowed inside the body (10);
  - a strip (22) comprising a first portion (24) fixed to the support (32), a central portion (26) and an end portion (28) guided along a curved path, said strip (22) being flexible and able to move between two positions, namely a writing position in which it gives access to the opening (14) and a stowing position in which it closes off the opening (14); and
  - a button (34),
  - the button (34) is connected to the support (32) and is able to move along the slot (18) between a distal position relative to the opening, for which the support (32) and the strip (22) are in the stowing position, and a proximal position relative to the opening, for which the support (32) and the strip (22) are in the writing position,
  - in that the body (10) has a lower face (10b) and an upper face (10a) that are connected together by at least one lateral face (10c) of small height, so as to produce a writing implement of substantially flat shape, and
  - in that the slot (18) is made in one of the upper (10a) and lower (10b) faces, and the opening (14) is made in that lateral face (10c) along which the end portion (28) of the strip (22) moves between the writing position and the stowing position.
2. The writing implement as claimed in claim 1, in which the button (34) is connected to the support (32) by a lug (36) passing through the slot (18),

said lug (36) being fixed by a tongue (37) perpendicular to the first portion (24) of the strip (22).

3. The writing implement as claimed in the preceding claim, in which the lug (36), the tongue (37) and the strip (22) are made as one piece.
4. The writing implement as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the upper (10a) and lower (10b) faces are substantially oval.
5. The writing implement as claimed in any one of the claims 2 to 4, in which the button (34) has a surface facing the body (10) that extends from the lug (36) over a length suitable for entirely covering the slot (18) in the stowing position.
6. The writing implement as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the support (32) butts against the internal wall of the body (10) during its displacement toward the writing position.
7. The writing implement as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the end portion (28) of the strip possesses an oblong window (38) which, in the writing position, is positioned so as to face the opening for the passage of the writing tip (16).
8. The writing implement as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the first portion (24) of the strip (22) is curved in the form of a U, the translation of the button (34) causing a displacement of the first portion (24) of the strip in the same direction, and a displacement of the end portion (28) of the strip in the opposite direction.
9. The writing implement as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 7, in which the first portion (24) of the strip (22) is joined to the central portion (26) at an angle, the translation of the button (34) causing translation of

the first portion (24) and the displacement of the central portion (26) and of the end portion (28) in the same direction.

10. The writing implement as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the writing tip (16) is a felt tip.